

## ONE WASHINGTON LOBBYIST.

**The King Fish in the Snail that Battler's Nat Dragged In.**

The Washington correspondent of the Cincinnati *Gazette* writes as follows:

The following paragraph from a recent letter by George Alfred Townsend, to the Chicago *Tribune*, is floating around the newspapers:

Sam Ward, who is prominent in the Butter report, is a good deal of a bird by all accounts, and a type of the generic Washington species. He has been up over the world, speaks German, Spanish, Italian, and French; has visited Mexico, and the Spanish coast, situated perfectly perfect in every language he speaks, and has a volume of poems, shipped before the mast, and knows every constituency in the country. He drinks only champagne, buys gold at the rate of fifty thousand dollars a week, and is a man of infinite tact, like Duke Campbell in *Twelfth Night*, and looks upon Congress as a sort of third house to himself. Such a gaudy has no display of General Butler. He regards us in the same way a thorough man of the world, and attaches a great many people to his side, and has his New England birthright. The more patriotic General Butler can make on Sam Ward, the more Sam Ward admires General Butler. They match like an educated man and Dan Rice's learned stallion. The admiration that is lost between them is unfathomable.

Of course there are slight inaccuracies in the above. Mr. Ward has been known to drink other beverages besides champagne; when he does buy gold, fifty thousand at a stroke, it is sure to be on a very small margin; he doesn't remember having shipped before the mast, and has never been suspected by his acquaintances of anything so energetic; and there are several considerable public men in the country with whom he is not on terms of confidential intimacy. But he is nevertheless, as described above, a remarkable person, and as a unique member of the better class of Washington lobbyists, and one of the most prominent in the eyes of the impeachment investigators, he is interesting enough to have some further mention. By his side Wooley becomes a commonplace sort of a character.

To begin with, he is own brother to the best female type this country has ever produced, Julia Ward Howe, and, by consequence, brother-in-law to Dr. Howe, the noted friend of the Greeks, whom Mr. Sumner declares we shall yet have as Minister to Greece, in place of Mr. Tuckerman, if he is to have any influence with the next Administration. He married a grand-daughter of John Jacob Astor, is the son-in-law of William B. Astor, and father-in-law to John W. Chamberlain, of New York, who for the last three Congresses has represented the Five Points District in the House. His wife lived but a few years after his marriage, leaving only one child, a daughter. He was soon living off by the Astors on account of his splendid vices, his daughter was taken by them to be educated, and from that day to this has sustained few relations with her father, save in the matter of a lawsuit about some property.

Bankrupt and abandoned by the wealthy connections, from whom he had derived consideration among moneyed men, he left New York, and began a wandering career, visiting, as is said above, nearly every part of the civilized world worth knowing. In California, where he seemed disposed to establish himself, he got started as a banker, Rodriguez E. Price, formerly of New Jersey, furnishing the money and respectability in the concern, and Ward furnishing the brains. With his habits, of course, he failed. Then he took a ranch. Finally he came down to San Francisco, as a means of earning an honest livelihood. Naturally his sympathies were with the Southern element in California. He was hand in glove with the conspirators that arranged the murder of Broderick, and was accused by his enemies of having had a share in the plot.

Meanwhile he married again, and, of course, married well. He was, perhaps, an adventurer, but always a blooded one. This time he became the son-in-law of a United States Senator from Louisiana. But before many years his wife left him, took her children, and went to Paris.

During the war he was a Rebel sympathizer. Since its close he very appropriately (as things go in the lobby) became a Washington lobbyist. The lottery companies wanted legal recognition, and so he came on as their agent to secure it, with a wonderfully liberal offer from them to pay as much taxation as the Government desired. Some champagne dealers had misunderstandings with the Revenue officers, and Mr. Ward was to arrange these satisfactorily at the Treasury Department. Furthermore, whatever relations he could establish there would be valuable to speculative gold brokers.

How should such a man succeed? Poor, ignorant reader, to know so little of the ways of our politicians! Why should such a man not succeed? He has very marked ability.

He is an accomplished man of the world. Strangely enough, he is also a man of letters. Probably no one head in Washington has more fine brains in it going to seed. He speaks three or four languages fluently and idiomatically. He has published a volume of poems, not wholly unworthy of the sister that wrote the immortal "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

He has translated some of Tennyson's shorter poems into French verses so pure and graceful that Frenchmen admire them and attribute the translation to some of their own literatures.

To such lighter fruits of his culture, he adds a knowledge of astronomy and of the higher mathematics, remarkable enough to have made some of his investigations the theme of discussion in the Reviews and Scientific Reports. He is a bon vivant, a charming amiable companion, a hospitable and lavish entertainer.

Is the official whom he wants to seduce a lover of good living? Ward invites him to a charming dinner. Is he fond of fine wines? Ward knows where to secure him for his bottle of Moselle, better than the French Minister can command. Is he fond of books? Ward captures him with a present of a rare edition. So he makes himself intimate with the men who have the knowledge or power he wants. Quite naturally General Butler found Jim knowing when Government gold was going to be sold in New York.

His services seem to have been well rewarded. He lived in fine style through the winter, entertained liberally, was always elegantly dressed, rarely condescended to visit the Capitol or to go to his dinner at the fashionable restaurant in less expensive conveyances than a carriage, seat bottle of fabulously old whisky, or unapproachable French brandy, to his friends, in acknowledgment of the slightest courtesies.

But he came to grief. He fell into Butler's hands, and his business as a lobbyist (which could only flourish in secrecy) was exposed. There are copies of letters in this town now, which he sent to his principals, reciting the particulars and the cost of five dinners that he gave to high officials whose influence he was seeking, describing how they became warm with his wines and eager for cards, and how he gratified them with play, and so contrived the games as that they should win a few hundred dollars to foist them to the top of their bent, and to inspire them with the greatest desire to oblige their generous but unlucky "victim."

These exposures ruined his power for harm, and for a time he had such power. But a calamity was next to befall that should render him ridiculous.

## RAILROAD LINES.

**NORTH PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.—THE MUD & HOUKE.—Shorted and soon direct line to Bethlehem, Easton, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Hazleton, White Haven, Wilkesbarre, Mauch Chunk, Scranton, Carbondale, and all the points in the Lehigh and Wyoming Valleys, and all the points in the Lehigh and Wyoming Coast Region, except in Philadelphia, N. W. corner of BERKS and AMERICAN streets.**

**SUMMER ARRANGEMENT.—ELEVEN DAILY TRAINS.—TO AND FROM WENDESDAY, May 17, 1868.**

**TRAVELERS.—Dinner, breakfast, dinner, breakfast, and all intermediate stations, daily (Sundays excepted), as follows:**

9 A. M.—Accommodation for Fort Washington.

17 45 A. M.—Morning Express for Bethlehem and Allentown, via Phillipsburg, and Allentown, and Allentown and Lehigh Valley Express for Lehigh and Susquehanna Railroads for Easton, Allentown, Catasauqua, Shartlesville, Mauch Chunk, Wilkesbarre, Kingston, Phillipsburg, Scranton, Carbon, and all points in Lehigh and Wyoming Valleys, also in connection with Lehigh and Manayunk Railroads, and Allentown and Lehigh Valley Express for Berwick, Parville, Milton, and Williamsport.

Arrive at Mauch Chunk at 12 45 A. M. at Wilkesbarre, Kingston, Phillipsburg, Scranton, Carbon, and all points in Lehigh and Wyoming Valleys, also in connection with Lehigh and Manayunk Railroads, and Allentown and Lehigh Valley Express for Berwick, Parville, Milton, and Williamsport.

1 P. M.—Passengers by this train can take the Lehigh Valley Train, passing Bethlehem at 11 45 A. M. for Florence.

1 45 P. M.—Express—Leaves Philadelphia for Doylestown, and all intermediate stations, connecting with Reading and Columbia Railroad for Columbia, etc.

2 P. M.—Accommodation for Doylestown, and all intermediate stations, connecting with Reading and Columbia Railroad for Columbia, etc.

3 P. M.—Accommodation for Doylestown, and all intermediate stations, connecting with Reading and Columbia Railroad for Columbia, etc.

4 P. M.—Lehigh Valley Express for Bethlehem, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, White Haven, Wilkesbarre, Mahoning City, Centralia, Shartlesville, and all points in Lehigh and Wyoming Valleys, and all points in the Lehigh and Wyoming Coast Regions.

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